

FOREST SERVICE CROSS COUNTRY SKI REPORT

USDA Forest Service - Great Divide Ranger District

DATE OF REPORT: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

OVERALL CONDITIONS: Trails have 'not' been groomed this week because of the warm weather, we will resume grooming activities as soon as weather conditions permit. 10days before the Birkie...Can we hold out?

GENERAL INFORMATION: Parking passes are required at all trail parking areas except West Torch and Namekagon Trail. A daily pass is \$5.00 and a season pass is \$20.00. Daily passes are available at the parking areas and season passes can be obtained at all Forest Service offices and locally in Cable at the Chamber of Commerce, in Hayward at Outdoor Ventures, New Moon Ski & Bike Shop, in Clam Lake at Chequamegon Junction, on Lake Namekagon, Mogasheen Resort.

ROCK LAKE TRAIL 2, 4, 7, 11.5, 16 km loops, Classic only; 8 mi. E. of Cable on Hwy M.

Contact: USDA Forest Service, 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 10-12" base; 18-20" in the woods.

Packed/groomed/track set: 02/10/2011

Rating: Lots of snow: Excellent

Comments: Trails are in great shape! Groomed for classic.

MUKWONAGO TRAIL 2.3, 4.4, 7.5, 13.6 km loops, Classic/Skating; 18 mi. E. of Hayward on 77.

Contact: USDA Forest Service, 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 10" base; 18" in the woods.

Packed/groomed/track set: 02/09/2011

Rating: Excellent

Comments: Cold weather should get the trail in great shape for the weekend. Groomed for skate and classic.

NAMEKAGON TRAIL 1.7, 2.4, 3.4 km loops, Classic; 10 mi. S. of Grand View off Hwy D.

Contact: USDA Forest Service, 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511 or Mogasheen Resort, 715-794-2113

Snow Conditions: 7" base; 18" in the woods

Packed/groomed/track set: 02/10/2011

Rating: Excellent

Comments: The trail is in excellent shape. The new snow groomed up very nice. With warmer weather coming it will be a good time to come and enjoy the trails. Groomed for classic.

PENOKEE MOUNTAIN TRAIL 3.2, 5.1, 8.6 km loops, Classic; 3 mi. W. of Mellen on Hwy GG or also located 20 minutes North of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: USDA Forest Service, 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 16-18" base; 18-26" in the woods

Packed/groomed/track set: 02/08/2011

Rating: Excellent

Comments: Lots of snow! With the evening cold temps, the trail should setup nice for some great skiing. Groomed for classic.

WEST TORCH TRAIL 1, 2.2, 5, 8 km loops; 2 mi. S. of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: USDA Forest Service, 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Packed/groomed/track set: Trail "may" be groomed intermittently thru the season. Call ahead for update.

Comments: Trail will remain open for skiing and snowshoeing.

Any comments or questions can be directed to the Forest Service offices in Hayward (715-634-4821) or Glidden (715-264-2511).